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Letter dated 23 June 2011 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the request of the Security Council contained in the Presidential Statement (S/PRST/2010/11) of 29 June 2010 for the Secretary-General to provide a follow-up report within 12 months to take stock of the progress made in respect to the implementation of the recommendations contained in the 2004 Report of the Secretary-General (S/2004/616) and to consider in this context further steps in regard to the promotion of the rule of law in conflict and post-conflict situations.

An external study of the United Nations architecture for the strengthening of the rule of law is currently under way. In addition, as I indicated in my letter of 18 February 2011 (A/65/747-S/2011/85) the action to be taken on the conclusions of the independent review on civilian capacity in the aftermath of conflict is currently under consideration. These processes will have an influence on the full review of progress achieved since 2004 and the development of proposals to guide the future activities of the Organization in this essential area.

In order to provide the Security Council with a more complete report on all the elements mentioned in the Presidential Statement of 29 June 2010, it is expected that my report to the Security Council will be issued on 1 November 2011. Consequently, I should be grateful if you could postpone the date of submission of this report.

I should also be grateful if the present letter could be brought to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*signed*) **BAN** Ki-moon

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